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Attendance at the congregational meeting was twice as large as last year due to some streamlining we did in order to cut the length. Reports were all mimeographed in advance along with a docket, and were not read at the meeting unless there were questions. Thus we had more time to discuss items of interest to the members: how to improve some of our existing programs, and plans for future work. We have a fine young man as church school superintendent now, Art Nelson, Jr., who has really shown an amazing spiritual growth in the past year. He is the sort who will take some initiative on his own, something we have needed for a long time. The Adult lible Class is growing slowly—if only there weren't so many conflicting activities demanding people's time—usually the same people. The other minister and I have requested the council to reinstitute an old custom of saving one night a week for church activities, probably Thursday. This would help in many ways, especially if we can telescope severalgroups into that one night.

Plans have been made to begin work on the church early in February, first to paint the inside walls of the sanctuary a bright yellow; also to round the corners of that room at the front. The trustees also hope to do some remodelling in the Sunday School, taking down some partititions in order to make some larger rooms for smaller children.

Our women have finally divided up into circles which will have their first meeting in February. The new officers are trying to de-emphasize sewing a little in order to have a more balanced program; but it is hard to change ways that have been going on for many many years. However, our hope is to reach some of the younger women who have not been active.

We enjoyed a brief visit from Brian Cleworth who brought a fine message and then met with our session to discuss future plans after we have gone. Moving time fast approaches, with all its necessary details, and our problem will be to keep up the pace of the work at least until after Easter. We do have a visitation program in the "hamper" for Lent, trying to get re-committements from some of our lapsed members. I am happy to report that we will be restoring 6 to the communicant roll, one of whom has volunteered to teach in the Sunday School (a young man with 3 years of college training.) We are also making advance plans in the Christian Education Committee for the influx of high school young people we will have next fall when the new high school is opened. The problem, as always, is to find suitable leadership.

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We rang the church bell every day during the last three weeks of Eebruary, calling the men out for our annual work on the church building. We had several more or less small jobs to do this year and hence didn't call as many men as last year, when we had 50 working at one time. The sanctuary is now painted (walls only) a bright subshine yellow, a color we had some hesitation about but which has turned out to be just the thing to brighten and warm our place of worship for these grey Alaska days. The men also connected an oil supply pipe to the manse so now we no longer have to haul that ton and a half oil drum over these wooden streets. Then we set about remodeling the Sunday school rooms, taking out two partitions in order to enlarge the rooms to double size. A complete paint job finished it off and it looks like a new building. We have one more task to complete this year if we get a greak in the weather -- to put new siding on the steeple and finish some outside painting. Later on they will paint the manse on the outside as well. The women cooked supper every day during this time, so the preacher seldom ate at home! We averaged from 10-20 men working each day. Not a single elder was needed to take the lead in this and we are encouraged by the responsibility taken by the trustees who are just beginning to see their importance as church officers.

A community chorus has been formed made up largely of people from the two church bhoirs plus a few from Annette. We have tried to encourage this and to insist that our members who go do so not as Presbyterians or representatives of our choir but as citizens who like to sing; the aim here is to build community-wide participation in activities not identified with either church, for we need a closer sense of community spirit to offset the old rivalries.

Our women met by circles for the first time and had fairly good attendance although one or two still refuse to take part in the idea. We were successful in getting some of the younger and previously inactive women out, and this is our chief purpose in having the circle meetings.

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Report highlights of work accomplished, indicating progress in program for the year; relate successes, gratifying experiences, special problems or needs; and summarize special meetings and activities. If space is insufficient, use plain paper to complete report.

The people of this town have really had their fill of singing these past few weeks. A Community chorus has been formed and was invited to sing at a teacher's convention in Ketchikan Palm Sunday evening. After some discussion, we agreed to this provided our own choir members were loyal to our choir and agreed to hold the main service the morning of that day instead of the evening. They were indeed faithful on all counts but I think they had a bit too much, as they were at choir or chorus practice 4 nights a week. Our choir has purchased gold stoles which will be dedicated at the Baster concert. We also had a concert by the Ketchikan High school band, and then we received word the Sheldon Jackson choir was coming at the last minute to sing here and at Annette. They brought only half of the group as just one boat was available, and we had a very good evening, with the church overflowing; also a good contact at Annette.

We inaugurated a special Sunday School attendance program and it has already increased attendance 50%. We are holding an Master Egg hunt for the children this year as a first step toward de-emphasizing the usual giving of candy; next year I hope they will just have the egg hunt--the superintendent is behind this move. Our women's circles are going very well and we have found several among them who can lead adult Bible study; the women had their largest over-all attendance on circle night--almost 40 women in all, and we are especially glad to see some of the younger women responding -- in fact, one of the previously inactive ones has invited her circle for this month's meeting. They are using the PWO study materials with my wife preping the leaders in advance of the meeting.

I haven had several family and moral problems among some of our elders which indicates they still have a lot of growing to do in the Christian life. I was able to speak quite bluntly to them, however, and they have shown sight of contrition and have even made open apologies to some they have hurt. One of the hard parts about leaving here is the realization that this kind of rapport has taken several years to grow and will have to be started over again, now. However, I believe the people are coming to see that their minister is not here to bawl them out constantly, nor to solve their problems for them, but rather to help them bring the light of the gospel to bear on their lives so they can face themselves and their problems and with God's help meet them.

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A large part of April was spend at presbytery meetings in Petersburg and also in getting ready for furlough and a year's leave of absence. Also we begin now to notice the graduall summer slow-down in church and community life. However, the people have been very active during the past weeks as the great Easter season approached.

Laster had with it a sad tragedy for this community. Easly Easter day two people lost their lives in a boating actident near our island, one of them the treasurer of our women's group and mother of 4; the other a young boy whose own mother was also in the accident but survived. So instead of having our usual choir concert Easter night, I preached at a consolation service to a full church. We also had consolation services the next night and then both funerals during the week. It was interesting that the boy's parents, who are the White operators at our power plant, asked to have him buried in our cemetary and this was done. It was also significant to note that these parents, who are not Christians, seemed more confused and stunned than the family of Dorothy Dundas -- it was an opportunity for George Dundas, the bereaved husband, to make a witness to the power of faithl

we inau urated an Easter egg hunt for the Sunday school this year and hope that it will replace the usual giving out of candy. The children were thrilled and parents donated some 50 dozen eggs to be hidden, so every child got some. On April 13 we had our annual visit by the Ketchikan choir who sang their Easter music for us followed by a time of fellowship for all.

So we come to the end of our ministry here. I do not know the Lord's verdict but I do know I shall need His mercy for many failures and bad stewardship in some things; but I also thank Him for the opportunity to work here, to grow spiritually and to see these people grow as I think they have. Looking back helps only if it makes it easier to walk forward with a surer step, learning from past errors, being forgiven for past sins. So we do not linger in the past but press forward to what lies ahead, both for us and for these dear people, our sheep, our loved friends, whom we shall miss. But we shall surely meet again, for there are Christians living forever in His presence even now.

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Nay was the beginning of our furlough and was spent partly in travel from Alaska to Atlanta, Ga. Between us my wife and I spoke and showed slides about 15 times during the trip and found people quite interested in the work of the church in Alaska. In addition to the groups listed, I also spoke to a men's group at the Mormhngside Fresb. Church (U.S.) in Atlanta. I also met and talked with Dr. Herman Turner of the Covenant Church in Atlanta who had spoken at the launching of the Anna Jackman.

Other than the above, the month was taken up with visiting relatives and supporting churches and answering endless questions about Alaska. In June my wife will go to Furdue as a sort of special guest from Alaska, and we will report on that next month. All our freight has arrived safely and all bills are paid as far as I know.

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> As will be noted from the voucher form, our furlough officially ends August 31. We have applied through the Alaska office for a leave of absence through next June or July in hopes that we may return to Alaska if the way is open. We have not had as much opportunity to speak and lecture as we might have, except during the first two weeks when we spoke many times. However, I am preaching and speaking more often now and Alaska will certainly be mentioned. We have been asked to speak to the couples club at the P esbyterian church here in Hightstown sometime in September, and doubtless other opportunities will arise during the fall.

I have just about completed the summer course at the seminary; on Aug. 18 I leave for 2 weeks active duty as a navy chaplain, at the Coast Guard Training Center, Cape May, N.J.

I presume Mr. Alfred Siegel is sending in reports on Lis summer work in Wetlakatla. we have heard from quite a few of our many friends there, and several have mentioned the fine work Mr. Siegel is doing. They are somewhat concerned about who will serve them after the summer but I trust the Lord will provite someone. Mr. henry Fawcett will be in the village, I believe, and could help on a temporary basis.

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The people here in Metlakatla in general are in very low spirits, due to the poor fishing season, and the lack of work here in the community. They are, however, "coming back to life" in the church, the different organizations are planning for their winter programs.

lven though this is my home church, I have been away for a long period of time, so I really don't know just what they do in the winter. I know that in the past two years they haven't had any kind of organization started for the young couples, so that is my number one project so far. I home to get a young adult libble class started within a month, there has been a little spark of interest among several young couples.

Another thing that I am trying to work in, is a training program for the Ushers, there is no interest among them. (they are elected) I hope to meet with them soon.

Secause I am not ordained, and have not had enough experience, I cannot meet with the Lession, Although I understand that it is a rule of our United Presbyterian Church that a person cannot meet with the Session unless he is ordained. I was hoping that an arrangement could have been made so that I could meet with them to duscuss some plans for the coming year, but I see that it cannot be done, and I am very sorry about it.

direct this is my first report that I have ever filled out, I would appreciate it very much if you could correct any mistakes that I have made. I hert attendance in both the morning and evening service, but not sunday school. I have no record of the money.

I have been preaching since Sept. 7th, and made many visits with the older record and the shut ins, but did not record them either, so the number I put in the column for Pastoral visits are just the sick, either old and bedridden.

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We have been busy this month getting our different organizations organized. We now have an active Mens' Group, Young Adults (Navigators) and Teen-Agers going in our Church, with an excellent attendence in all groups. (We ran into a problem with our sister Church, as some of their Teen-Agers have been coming to our meetings.) We've been able to bring into our Church family, several young couples who havnevt been active in Church for a long time. The Presbyterian Men served doughnuts and coffee before the Serveice on Thanksging Day, we had very good attendence. (117) I have been very much encouraged by the Sunday morning attendance. I feel that the pastoral visits has a lot to do with this. We call a special meeting of the members of the Church, and explained the finances of the Church. and also explained the importance of supporting the church services each sunday. The result of the meeting was excellent. My visits with the older people are good, (I'll bet there isn't a minister that drinks more coffee and tea in one day than I do.) They always seem happy to have me visit with them, and to have them tell me all the same old stories over and over again. Several older women have come up to the Manse for prayer. (for our "younger generation" as they say.) On the 23rd we didn't have an evening service, we went up to the Duncan Church for an installation Service, in which I took part. (the vows and charge to the minister.) This month has also seen the Church paper come into being. We are expecting a mew mimograph machine next week. (a gift.) Mrs. Charles Leask Sr. (Anna Leask) Passed awy. Mrs. Leask was a faithful member of our church, active in both the womens Group and the chior up until she got sick. Her death was expected, but was taken hard by the family. Rev. Cleawoth gave her her last communion on Communion Sunday.

Although we are enjoying our work here, we are praying that they will be able to find a fully-trained minister for our church very sooh, that the activities which are now started might continue and perhaps new ideas added. Until they do find a minister, please continue to pray for me and my work.

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The month of December was a very busy month in our church, with the choir getting ready for their concert, the Sunday School for their program, and the different organizations with their Christmas party.

The morning and evening services were not as well in attendence as it had in the past, it could be because of the "Christmas rush" and because of the many activities that were sponsored by the clubs outside the church. We went over to Ketchikan to give our Christmas concert in the Presbyterian Church on the 28th.

We lost another of our church member, Mrs. William Alford, died of a brain hemmorage on the 19th of December.

The Presbyterian Men and the Naviagators were especially active this month inspite of other activities, the Men sponsored a clean up day, (two days of it.) and the Navigators served coffee after the concert, to the men, and helped with the Bazaar.

The Womens' Bazaar was successful this year, raising almost fourteen hundred dollars, (it wasn't expected to be that successful.)

I did an extra amount of pastoral visits during the month of December, mostly to the older people, and the sick. Had a prayer service with an older couple twice. I am having trouble with Faith Healers in our town.

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The first part of January we were involved in yearly reports and the Congregational meeting. We can see gradual, general progress in the growth of the people. However, it is slow and there is much yet to be done.

With the exception of one or two people, there was a good attitude at the Congregational meeting, and the people seemed eager to stay and talk about the needs of our church at this time. The new officers are very good and are already a big help. The people are taking on added interest with the coming of Presbytery and suggested a membership drive. Many people who have been inactive for several years have been contacted again and some have come back to church.

The Sheldon Jackson team was in town for two games and made a fine

impression besides winning both games.

A lady representative of the Bahai Faith was storm-bound in town for a few days and gave us her speal - "Everything is beautiful" but there was no way of forgiving of sin and the need for a Savior.

We appreciated the overnight visit of Brian Cleworth and the opportunity

to discuss the work in Petersburg.

A Jr. High W.F. group was started this month, and we have had a good response. I am the leader so far, but have hopes of getting a couple to take over as soon as we get well under way. We are using the Jr. High Kit and meeting on Thursday evenings. Following their meeting, some of the Jr. Highs stay for choir practice.

We have played some tape recordings of Thlinget Devotions for our older Native people. These tapes are from KSEW with Andrew Johnson speaking. The people say it is the real old language and seem to enjoy hearing the Gospel

in their own language.

The Mariners' Club decided to have a clam digging party for a clam chowder lunch the following day. There were 28 people digging and cleaning clams, so the work went fast and everyone seemed to have a good time. The best part, in my estimation, was that we got acquainted with many people way out on the fringes as far as the church goes. Another good result of this outing was that Native and white people had a good time getting acquainted and helping each other.

Timmie Heier was over for a few days to see the doctor and dentist. We enjoyed having her and hope that they will get out of Kake from time to time

for their own good.

Presbytery Council and Christian Education Committee met in Juneau. I think we were able to get quite a lot of business done in a short time.

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The main news this month from Petersburg is the flu epidemic which closed down most of the activities for two weeks. We had had our flu shots so made it through the epidemic with heavy colds instead.

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The schools were closed for over a week but when opened again there were many children absent. The school attendance still isn't back to normal as several children have had relapses.

All of this has prevented calling because the hospital was in complete isolation, and I did not want to contact the flu in the homes. Then the children are out of Sunday School and youth activities for just one week it is very difficult to get them started again, so our attendance record is low.

George Edenso's grandson died here so after the funeral George's son and his wife started coming to church and began the Communicants' Class. Tragedies often change the lives of these people, and we hope this change is permanent.

One of last summer's tourists sent a check to us at Christmas and when we said that we were putting it into a tape recorder fund, he sent his recorder to us. It is a fine machine and probably a more expensive one than we could have gotten.

Two films have been shown this month, and both were very good. Thirty people were out to see "My New Life" which should have had a better showing. The other film, "The Long Stride", was shown both to the Sunday School and at church. People were really moved after seeing the need of the refugees.

The P.H. was in one night, and we got some business talked over.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held at the Lutheran Church this year, and I felt that it was rather poorly attended. The sickness in town probably affected the attendance.

The last week of the month was set aside for a Work Week in the church. Not much more work was done on the little finish work which remains, but all the floors were cleaned and waxed. The sickness affected us again, but there were also some who could have come and didn't.

Plans are shaping up for Presbytery, and the local people are trying to raise enough money for the food.

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Activities are back to normal after last month's flu epidemic. In fact, we have had an increase in Sunday School and church attendance which really

complicates our already crowded conditions.

We have had some trouble in getting enough 5.3. teachers but have been able to get a Supt. for the S.S. Mr. Clarence Marfield has taken over the 3.3. and this is a tremendous help to us. I now teach the Adult Bible class in the morning at the regular S.S. hour. This gives us more time in the afternoon and evening for other activities.

We have been playing the recordings from KSEW of Thlinget Devotions every Sunday afternoon. Not many people have come out for this, but those who have

have enjoyed hearing the Bible explained in their own way.

An Adult Communicant class has been held with good results in the lives of the people. They have seemed bager to discuss things of faith and Christian liwing.

I was called to install the A.M.S. officers and did so. I wish that some one of their officers would return to the original purposes of the organization. They are mainly engaged in raising money here for their new hall.

The Sheldon Jackson choir give a fine concert here one evening with shout

110 people out to hear them.

We showed a film entitled "Seventeen" which was well received. It was

directed to the teen-agers.

resbytery preparations are under way, and the people are busy with many activities. The Jessian built some back steps to the church. The people called a work night to bonor my birthday and 19 came to work on the church. To have been pointing our living room and hallway. It looks much better now, but there are a lot of odds and ends yet to be done to the house.

We certainly have been praising the Lord for the growth of one who was an alcoholic. The way she has dedicated her life to helping others find Obrist is wonderful. The often leaves her own family to help others and thesps us husy finding jobs for her to do. Two other families have taken an active part in the church through her help and others have been restored to active mambership,

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Easter Service was well attended, but there was room for more in the church. There are many people in town who do not go to any church even on

Easter.

As soon as Easter was over our people really pitched in on the final preparations for Presbytery. From my standpoint, everything went fine and all the arrangements were completed. It was a big undertaking for our small group, but they did not go into debt, and the work and fellowship were very good for them. Of course, now that Presbytery is over and the people are tired, they are taking a "vacation" from church.

Mrs. Heier, from Kake, came over until her baby arrives, and the two

younger children are with her.

The thing over which we are most happy in the growth of the church is to see two prayer cells now started. They were started by the people out of their own need and have been a joy to see. They are small neighborhood groups, and the people are just babes feeling their way along in Bible Study and prayer. If these continue, we can see how it will lead to a complete spiritual remewal in our church. There have been several people with nervous disorders lately, and they have required a great deal of personal attention. It is rewarding to see some of them turn to the Lord for their help.

The Adult Bible Class is gaining interest and will also be a major help

in spiritual growth.

The Mariners' Club is disbanding for the summer but has been a means of getting acquainted with many new couples.

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The town is trying to receive a Horwegian celebration here on the 17th of hay. Our people were so tired from Presbytery that they didn't do much for this celebration. Jeanette had a little costume and was in a children's dancing group. The local Assembly of God minister and family lost their 2-day old baby, and I donducted the graveside service. Art and Evelyn Johnson were through here on their way to and returning

from lieke for Art's father's funeral. We enjoyed talking to them between planes.

Manse repair was started, but I got bogged down in preparations for Jr. High camp so didn't get far with the manse. I am also slightly frustrated at not being able to do all the calling I should. There are several people in town with problems who should have guidance now and not next week or month. I have not been able to call on anyone outside of town by skiff yet either, which also bothers me. I know each minister is busy, but I hope that next year we can have more sharing of the Presbytery work so that all the men have a part in it.

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June 2-11 I was at Rainbow Gl cier Camp with about 60 Jr. Tichs. We had a good camp, and I believe that the response from the court people was very good. We were using the camp facilities about to the limit with this number of campers.

While I was at camp one of our older ladies in the church passed away.

Its. Leanu had been sick for some time and deserved the relief from the pain.

I felt that I should not return for the funeral and leave camp near the end when we were short staffed too. This placed the burden of many of the arrangements on Put and the Assembly of God minister who took the service for me.

The Ministerial Association had 4 signs made welcoming people to church and lishing the churches in town. We have put these signs up around town.

I installed the new members into the local ArN.S. group. They are trying to start their own building and have some framework up, but have run out of money.

There has been a lot of correspondence in getting the V.C.S. teems lined up for their summer work. I think they are all set up now. All of them except one are staying extra time in Alaska for work following their vacation Church Schools.

We have had an unusual amount of good weather this summer, and I have been getting some manse repair done. There remains a lot of painting yet,

So I hope the weather stays good.

The tourist Seminar was here for a few hours one Saturday afternoon, and we enjoyed their wisit. These seemed to be very nice people as they did not ask about our people in front of them and were not so painfully picture hungry.

The church and manse furnishings are now insured against loss by fire. The Session voted to get 4,000.00 for the church and 5,000.00 for the

manse and personal affects.

of the Statehood Bill brought mixed feelings here, but most of the people are glad it went through. We had a little caremony in Petersburg, and I was called on to help pin the new star on the flag. The change over period may be a little rough, but I believe it is the best thing that has happened up here for a long time.

Now that the seining season has started, everyone is busy and the church program has suffered. It has been very hard to get people to teach Sunday School this summer as more people are trying to work and bring in more income. The first reports of the season are good - I hope that it stays that way.

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Petersburg I ain Street was torn us with a priving job, but the Ath of July celebration went on just the same. Tarade, foot reces, bost races, etc. ware the order of the day. The prving job is now done, and it is nice to have a smooth main street without dust.

Alaska w s shaken by an earthquake and several following quakes. Our house really abook, and I thought the piling would give. No demage was done in Petersburg.

We did have a forest fire out the road near some picnic groun's luring the dry werther. This has been a very dry summer, and it took two or three

days to put out the fire.

During the dry weather we also had to boil water as the supply not very Thyphoid shots were given, and Colleen had a violent reaction. They

gave her adrenalin and kept her in the hospital overnight.

We had a good V.C.S. and a fine team this year. The Episcopal Church joined with us as they had so few children. The team stayed for one week following the V.C.S. and did a lot of painting on the church, garage, and manse. I had already built a new walk and painted a lot during the good weather. One or two more good days outside will finish the painting.

Several people are leaving, but new ones are coming, too. More of our people have been working in the c nnery this summer than before. But the church attendance has held up well in spite of this. We always have some

summer visitors attending.

We have received word that Dave Phillips sank the "St. Micholas", George Betts' old boat. It was a total loss, and there was not enough insurance for them to get a new boat. I don't know what they will do for a living now, but they are returning to Petersburg this Fall.

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The limit part of August was used to finish up the appropriate for the VCS teams.

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comparison to some penecostal or "fly-by-night" groups.

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Unga in order to get their physical check-ups, etc. I don't think that
either of them understands the way the Presbyterian Church operates,
although both of them appreciated the way the Board of National Missions
works. I hope they will soon work out their problems and return to
the work.

for a wall to viwit people in the surrounding area. It was very relating to be away from town and the telephone. We got to see a lot of country and the children certinally had a good time. We also got to contact a number of people and all of them invited us back. The people in these outlying areas are glad to have visitors and are learning to trust us in

I have used some good days to finish the outside printing on the manse and garage. The work on the front porch is now finished, and I have some other odd jobs to finish on manse repair.

Some of our vacation time has been used for longshoring on the freighters which stay in 4 - 8 hours a week. The town is extremely short of men during the fishing season and all but one of the local ministers have been working on the boats.

A Junior Rifle club was started in the school last year, and I have been helping with that this summer. The instructor moved away, so a couple of us have taken over. I don't know how this will work out former the school year, but it is a good contact with the children.

The summer has been bad on our Alcoholic people. Some who were doing so well have fallen again and have to start all over. Others have slipped in various ways due to the lack of church attendance while working.

Sunday School teachers have been impossible to get, and Mrs.
Peterson, the church treasurer who also taught Sunday School and is president of the Women's Group, has moved South leaving a big vacancy.
It seems like we have to almost start over in the Fall of each year.

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I have been hunting for part of 2 days but haven't gotten anything.

In the brief Presbytery meeting at Craig I felt we were able to get a lot done. loses Rose of lake stayed with us over the weekend on our return, and we talked about keeping up the worship services at Kake.

I have done some more painting on the house and all the outside painting is done now. Some minor manse repair remains yet to be done.

A may who has no connection with our church has been supplying flowers for the Worship Service all summer. They are very nice to have as many of our

people have none at all.

done, but a lot nicer for the couple. Someone remarked how quiet the reception was as many are drinking affairs.

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December 4, 1958

Mrs. W. R. Rittenhouse Treasurer of Women's Ass'n. Indianola Presbyterian Church Iuka - Waldeck - 18th Avenues Columbus 1, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Rittenhouse:

Please convey our appreciation to the Women's Association of the Indianola Presbyterian Church for the check of \$329.20 which has been added to our building fund. Your gift will help us to be able to serve the Lord here in a much more complete way. We hope that we will be able to start on the addition soon, but we have no definite date cleared as yet.

Today we are enjoying some sunshine after weeks of rain and a light snow. Most of the ground is still covered with snow, but we will probably have more for Christmas.

Our Sunday School and church people are getting ready for Christmas now and practicing a play which one of the teachers wrote.

We trust that the Lord will bless you and your church this Christmas season and bring happiness to many.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Snelling

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The church officers have responded very well to the church officers' training. They have set a special time every month just for the training meetings and have read their booklets in preparation. The discussions have been very good as two of the elders, Tex Cornish and Fred Magill, really keep the discussion going and involve the others, too. I am certain that these meetings will help our church to grow spiritually as we get these basic things settled in our minds.

I am now the secretary for the Ministerial Association. Mainly, however, because the Assembly of God minister is on the city council and works for his income, the Episcopal and Salvation Army people are leaving, and the Lutheran man is president of the group. We had a union Watchnight Service in the Episcopal Church this year. Sixty people were out even though the night was stormy and cold. I had the message for the evening.

Christmas activities filled most of the month. The Sunday School program filled the church again with parents and friends of the children. The play was written again this year by one of our teachers. She teaches school so

could not direct the practices as they should have been.

The Mariners' Club had a progressive dinner and decorated the church following that. An outdoor manger scene was also built this year and an outside tree was lighted in keeping with the community effort to decorate the town for Christmas.

The Sarah Magill Missionary Society officers were installed in a candle-

light service at our Christmas Family Potluck.

Several families came out for the Christmas Eve Service of candles and carols this year. After telling of the birth of Christ by scripture and carols, a candle-light service of dedication was held. The purpose of the dedication was to become witnesses of this Christmas story throughout the whole year.

The Ministerial Association organized youth carolling evening for all the high school young people. About 30 of the young people came which was a

good group, we felt.

The local ministers also helped the Salvation Army decide on who was to receive their baskets. There was considerable dissatisfaction about the way it was done last year, so they received about half the amount of money as they had last year. Our Deacons also distributed their own baskets at Christmas.

The Zeigers had Christmas dinner with us and we went to their home for New Year's day.

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